(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No passenger was found travelling without ticket or valid travelling authority during the year 1987 and upto May, 1988.

Funds for National Leprosy Eradication Programme in States

952. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States and Union Territories have been receiving funds from the Central Government for National Leprosy Eradication Programme;

(b) if so, what amount was allocated to Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Delhi in 1980-81, 1982-83 and 1985-86;

(c) whether Government have made any investigation on the complaints regarding non-implementation of the National Leprosy Eradication Programme; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requisite information is given in the Statement enclosed as Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 41].

(c) There is no complaint of non-implementation of this programme.

(d) Does not arise.

Indo-French cooperation to Modernise Railways

953. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indo-French protocol on cooperation in the field of Railways was signed on the occasion of his visit to France and France has offered sophisticated technology to help India modernise her Railways and to jointly develop a Indo-French Superfast train; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions held and the co-operation agreed to in the field of development of Railways between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) An Indo-French Protocol for cooperation in the field of Railways was signed during the visit of the Minister of State for Railways to France recently. It covers the following areas for special consideration;

(i) Hihg Speed Technology.

(ii) Improving Existing Electric and Diesel Rolling Stock of Indian Railways.

(iii) Speeding up the existing Passenger Trains.

(iv) Modernisation of a Passenger Terminal.

(v) Suburban Transport.

(vi) Management

(vii) Technical Development of modern train control systems.

Both parties shall provide each other technical assistance on the basis of agreements to be negotiated on a case by case basis.

The two parties have agreed to a prefeasibility study for a new high speed line between Delhi and Kanpur via, Agra being conducted.